GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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LANDLESS FAMILIES
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated number of landless families presently living in the country;

(b) whether the Government has any proposal to provide land to the poor families in rural areas for their living and whether any directions were issued to the State Governments in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the number of families likely to be benefited under the scheme, State-wise; and

(d) the time by which the above proposal is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI LAL CHAND KATARIA)

(a): The Statement giving Proportion of Landless Households in the Country is at Annexure-I.

(b)to (d) : Yes, Sir. A Scheme of Homestead sites was launched on 24th August, 2009 as part of Indira Awas Yojana (IAY), to provide funds for purchase/acquisition of homestead sites for those rural Below Poverty Line (BPL) households who have neither agricultural land nor a housesite. Under this scheme, a homestead site of 100-250 sq.mt. is provided to those rural BPL households who have neither land nor a housesite. For this purpose, Rs. 10,000/- per beneficiary is provided to the District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs) which is shared by the Centre and the States in the ratio of 50:50. It has now been decided to increase the amount from Rs, 10,000/- to Rs 20,000/- with effect from April, 2013. A Statement showing the State-wise funds released under Homestead scheme for purchase of housesites under IAY is given at Annexure-II.